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SUBJECT: FRENTE AMPLIO CHIEF IN BUENOS AIRES

1. SUMMARY. ON MARCH 27 URUGUAYAN FRENTE AMPLIO LEADER LIBER SEREGNI ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES FOR TWO- DAY VISIT TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA DE LIBERACION. END SUMMARY.

2. LIBER SEREGNI WAS GREETED AT AEROPARQUE BY LARGE GROUP OF PERONISTS LED BY HARD LINE LABOR LEADERS RAIMUNDO ONGARO AND ANDRES FRAMINI. ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF PERONIST YOUTH CHANTING SLOGANS IDENTIFYING TUPAMAROS WITH PERONIST MONTONEROS AND SEREGNI

AS TUPAMARO FRIEND OF PERON WERE ALSO ON HAND TO GREET THE URUGUAYAN LEADER.

3. SEREGNI IN BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED HE WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO CHILE AND PERU TO MEET WITH OTHER " POPULAR MOVEMENTS OF LIBERATION IN OUR AMERICA". HE ALSO SAID THAT THE FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA VICTORY " HAD PROFOUND REPERCUSSION IN URUGUAY AND LATIN AMERICA BECAUSE IT HERALDED THE BEGINNING OF AN HISTORIC

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MOMENT".

4. SEREGNI WAS TO LUNCH WITH THE APPARENT VICE- PRESIDENT ELECT VICENTE SOLANO LIMA TODAY (3/28) AND ALSO VISIT WITH LEADERS OF THE GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION(CGT). YESTERDAY HE MET WITH LEADERS OF THE LIGHT AND POWER WORKERS FEDERATION.

5. COMMENT. SEREGNI LUNCHING WITH THE ARCH CONSERVATIVE SOLANO LIMA OFFERS STILL ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PERONISM MEANING ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE, LEFT, RIGHT, AND CENTER. AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OUT OF POWER, THE PERONISTS STILL HAVE AN IDEOLOGY SUFFICIENTLY UNDEFINED TO ENCOMPASS A MOST REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF POLITICAL BEDFELLOWS. SEREGNI' S AIRPORT RECEPTION IS ANOTHER CASE IN POINT; HIS GREETERS RANGED FROM THE ULTRA- RIGHT WING NATIONALISTS (I. E., SANCHEZ SORONDO) TO RADICALIZED YOUTH. SEREGNI' S RECEPTION BY THE MILITANTLY ANTI- MARXIST CGT AND LIGHT- POWER UNION TENDS TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT PERONIST LABOR MAY BE CONSIDERING ALLIANCES RANGING ENTIRE POLITICAL SPECTRUM IN EFFORT TO FORM NEW LATIN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (SEE SEPTTEL).
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